

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLUB

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1904

The Club was called to order at the usual hour, Dr. Rusby occupying the chair. There were sixteen members present. This being the annual business meeting, no scientific program was presented.

Dr. Philip Dowell, 14 Albion Place, Port Richmond, Staten Island, and Mr. F. W. Kobbe, 142 East 18th street, New York City, were elected active members.

The next order of business was the report of officers and committees. The recording secretary read his report, showing 15 regular meetings held during the year, with an average attendance of 20. The number of active members elected was 14, corresponding members 2, resignations 12, deaths 2, thus leaving the active membership unchanged at 238, as shown by previous secretary's report. The number of papers and communications presented was 41. The report was accepted, but it was pointed out that the number of active members indicated was probably too large.

The treasurer read a preliminary report, which was received and referred to an auditing committee consisting of J. H. Barnhart, M. A. Howe and F. S. Earle. This committee was instructed to audit the completed treasurer's report and to investigate the general financial condition of the Club and to report at the next meeting.

The editor-in-chief presented a report showing that owing to lack of funds no volume of the *Memoirs* had been published. The volume of the *Bulletin* comprises 709 pages and 30 plates, with numerous text illustrations. The cost has exceeded the estimate made at the beginning of the year by only about \$12. Eight meetings of the editorial board were reported. The publication of the issues earlier in the month has been secured. Certain changes, including a new cover design, have been adopted for 1904. The burden of preparing the index to current literature has been assumed solely by the editor-in-chief. The report was accepted.

The finance committee made a verbal report.

The editor of *TORREYA* made a verbal report which was accepted.

The committee on local flora made a verbal report outlining the work done during the year and calling special attention to the need of much more active and critical work on the local flowering plants, and especially on the cryptogams, many groups of the latter having been almost entirely neglected.

The next order of business was the election of officers. By a unanimous vote the secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Club for the reëlection of all the present officers, which was done and their election was declared.

On motion, the editor-in-chief and two other members of the editorial board to be selected by him were appointed a special committee to endeavor to place the publications of the Club in various libraries of public institutions where they are not now to be found.

A communication was read from the Outdoor Art League of California in regard to legislation now pending in Congress for the preservation of the Calaveras Grove of Big Trees, asking the endorsement of the Club for this measure. On motion the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved: That the Torrey Botanical Club heartily endorses the action of the Outdoor Art League of California in trying to secure legislation for the preservation of the Calaveras Grove of Big Trees, and that it hereby urges the favorable consideration of such legislation by Congress.

There being no further business, adjournment followed.

F. S. EARLE,

Recording Secretary.

NEWS ITEMS

The Botanical Gazette announces, with a regret which must be generally felt, that the *Journal of Applied Microscopy and Laboratory Methods* will cease publication with the issue for December, 1903.

Mr. Otto E. Jennings, of the Ohio State University, has been appointed custodian of the botanical collections at the Carnegie